FOOD AND WATER ANALYSIS LABORATORIES

861. SMT. B. MADIMAN (Dharwar Rural).—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state.—

(*a*) Whether there are any Food and Water Analysis Laboratories in the Public Health Institutes in the State,

(*b*) if not, the steps taken to establish such laboratories in the State?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes. There is already one Food and Water Analysis Laboratory attached to the Public Health Institute, Bangalore.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*)

SMT. B. MADIMAN.—May I know whether the Government will take steps to establish Food and Water Analysis Laboratory in District places or at least in Division Headquarters ?

† SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The matter is under consideration. We propose to have in three or four places. It is being examined.

SMT. B. MADIMAN.—May I know how much the Food and Water Analysis Laboratory charges to analyse the foodstuffs brought by a common man ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That answer is not readily available. Mostly it is done under the requisition of the corporation, municipalities and other Government staff.

SMT. B. MADIMAN.—I understand that they charge Rs. 10 to analyse foodstuffs brought in by a common man. So I would like to know whether the Government will take steps to reduce the rate and give more publicity so as to help prevent food adulteration and contamination of water, which will benefit the common man.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The matter has to be examined. It is a necessary service the Government can grant to the people. I will see how far the rate can be reduced.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know which are the other places where these laboratories will be started ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Belgaum is one.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Which are the other two places ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They are Shimoga and Mysore.